The assumption of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai's estate by the Court of Wards.

234. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many estates are brought under the administration of the Court of Wards instituted under the Regulation, XIII of 1097;

(b) how many months have elapsed since the Court of Wards assumed control over the estate of Mr. A. P. Sankaranainan Pillai of Cochin;

(c) with reference to the preamble of the Court of Wards Regulation and the provisions of section 8 of the same Regulation, have the Government satisfied themselves that Mr. A. P. Sankaranainan Pillai is an incapacitated person;

(d) if the answer to sub-division (c) is in the affirmative, under which clause of section 8 Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai is deemed disqualified to manage his property;

(e) has any declaration been made by the Government on their finding him incapacitated;

(f) what are the grounds on which the declaration, if any, of his incapacity referred to in sub division (e) *supra* is made;

(g) if the answer to sub division (c) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to note that the taking of the property of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai under the superintendence of the Court of Wards is unjustifiable and illegal?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) One.

(b) Ten.

(c) The management was assumed under the provisions of section 17 of the Regulation.

(d), (e), (f) and (g). In view of the answer to (c), no reply is necessary.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—May I know whether the Government made any declaration as contemplated by section 17, sub-section c)?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It was not stated that it did so. Was it published in the Gazette?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The declaration is to be made by the Government.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—What was the publication that was sought to be served by the estate?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All this I have answered in a subsequent question.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was it not proper on the part of the Government to consult at least some of the creditors?

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Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I refer him to pages 24 and 25, where the President himself read out the full report in Council. It is all published.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I ask whether there was any objection to give information to some of the creditors. Under section 17, the Government have acted on the petition presented by the Wards. We saw the petition signed by some of the creditors. It is the interest of the creditors that has to be protected. It is only in such cases that the Government is justified in taking over the estate under section 17.

President.—The Government did not consider it necessary to consult the creditors, but at the same time came to the conclusion that the interest of the debtors should be protected.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—The Government acted on the petition of one side only. I ask whether there is any objection to consult the creditors.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—You requested for information, and all information available we have given. It is all printed in the proceedings of the Council.

235. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the corres pondence relating to the assumption of control by the Court of Wards over the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The Government do not consider that any public purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table.

236. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Court of Wards has taken the properties of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai only or the properties of Sankaranainan Pillai and his minor brother jointly as co-sharers ;

(b) whether the Court has taken charge of the person of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai or his minor brother or both;

(c) if the person also is taken under the control of the Court, is any guardian appointed for such person or persons?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a). The Member is referred to the Diwan's Notification, dated 29th Makaram 1101 and published on page 279 of Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 2nd Kumbham 1101.

(b) No.

(c) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (b) above.

237. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—(a) under which section of the Court of Wards Regulation the Government have ordered the Court to

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